



## Arson in Minnesota

Arson destroys more than buildings; it can devastate a community. Arson can range from youngsters setting nuisance fires to a full-blown crisis with a serial arsonist. An arson conviction can result in a fine of up to \$35,000 and/or up to 20 years in prison.

In Minnesota, there were 1,050 identified, purposefully set (incendiary) fires in 2010. The value of property destroyed was estimated at over \$7,000,000.

Arson was the fourth leading cause of fire in Minnesota in 2010.

More than half of all incendiary fires reported in 2010 occurred in homes. Dollar loss in those properties totaled nearly \$4.3 million.



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# Arson is a Crime Against Every Minnesotan



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## Arson Over Time

In the past 22 years, incendiary fires caused 54 deaths and over \$325.5 million in property loss in Minnesota alone.

Incendiary fires must continue to be addressed through such efforts as the Arson Reward Program, the Arson Suspect Pointer System, and Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Programs.



## What You Can Do

Get involved in a neighborhood watch program. Neighbors can reduce the likelihood of arson by promoting neighborhood watches, educating people about recognizing and reporting unusual activity, and improving neighborhood security.

Call the Arson Hot Line at 1-800-723-2020 if you have information about a suspicious fire. You may choose to remain anonymous.

## MN Arson Reward Project

Even anonymous tipsters are eligible for rewards up to \$2,500. Information on suspicious fires should be reported to the **ARSON HOT-LINE at 1-800-723-2020**.

The MN Arson Reward Project committee will review all reward applications and make the final decision in granting rewards.

All individual rewards granted during any given year will be based upon information which could prevent an incendiary fire or aid in catching a person who set one, with a maximum of \$2,500.



The Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators is a non-profit professional association whose mission is to

- Unite for mutual benefit those public officials and private persons engaged in the control of arson and similar crimes
- Encourage exchange of technical information and developments
- Cooperate with law enforcement agencies and associations to support fire prevention and reduce crime
- Encourage high standards of professional conduct among fire investigators and strive to eliminate factors that interfere with the administration of crime reduction